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Housing Committee
Room 2700, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

To the Co-Chairs and Members,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on behalf of House Bill 5970, *An Act Concerning the Powers of Municipal Fair Rent Commissions*.

I am proposing this legislation on behalf of a constituent of mine from Colchester. He and others in his mobile home park have been protesting a monthly levy on their rental agreements, structured as an insurance fee. My constituent sought recourse from the local fair rent commission, asking them to consider his issue. The fair rent commission, in turn, said they were not empowered by statute to consider issues not directly pertaining to rent. They did not have confidence that there was a substantial nexus between the insurance fee and the subject of rent.

This bill proposal would allow municipal fair rent commission to examine not just rent, also fees levied in association with a rent agreement or contract. This legislation clarifies for municipalities what the scope of their commissions' powers may be, so that they may be as effective as possible in dealing with equity issues surrounding rent agreements. I respectfully ask for your support.

Thank you for your work and your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Linda Orange".

Rep. Linda Orange
Deputy Speaker of the House